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State Library implements MOBIUS system

The State Library went "live" for materials circulation within the ARTHUR Cluster of MOBIUS (Missouri Bibliographic Information User System) on October 16, 2002. The new system allows state legislators, elected officials, and state employees to search the collections of and request library materials from any of the institutions within the cluster.

Members of the mid-Missouri cluster include Columbia College, Lincoln University, Stephens College, Westminster College, and William Woods University. The requested materials will come to the State Library's Reference Services Division and be delivered to the office of the requesting patron.

Patrons can access the holdings of the State Library via the World Wide Web at [http://arthur.missouri.edu/search~\\$6](http://arthur.missouri.edu/search~$6). If they do not find needed materials, they can go to the ARTHUR catalog to search and request materials.



By January 2003, the same patrons will be able to request material from the libraries of more than 50 institutions statewide and have the material delivered to them. This will be the final phase of the State Library's migration to MOBIUS.

Reference Services staff are developing print and electronic materials to promote awareness of the new system to legislators, elected officials, and state employees.

The MOBIUS catalog provides a virtual collection of the approximately 14 million items in the State Library and the libraries of Missouri's colleges and universities. This catalog presents a single user interface that makes it possible for state officials and employees to request library materials using any personal computer in any location with access to the Internet. Materials that are on-shelf at the time the request is placed will be delivered to the State Library within two business days. The State Library will in turn deliver the material to the office of the person placing the request.

In addition to sharing books, the MOBIUS consortium members share the cost of electronic databases. Databases currently available include *America: History and Life*, *Historical Abstracts*, *Applied Science & Technology*, and *Education Index*. Additional databases will become available through the consortium as the service develops.

This shared library system demonstrates effective use of taxpayer dollars and makes it possible to share the resources of these libraries across the state.



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Winter Institute scheduled for February

The State Library will offer two sessions of Basic Library Skills at its Winter Institute, scheduled for February 11-14, 2003. An Advanced Library Skills course, "Library Administration and Management," will also be offered. The institute will be held at the Quality Inn in Columbia.

The basic course is intended for those who are attending the institute for the first time. It provides a four-day overview of libraries and library services, with content specific to public library services. Several presenters and facilitators will share their expertise. Carolyn Trout, director of the Joplin Public Library, will be the main facilitator. The course includes hands-on sessions at the MOREnet labs.

The advanced course will provide an organizational framework for improving the practice of administration in libraries and for identifying and fostering administrative skills. The instructor is Pat Wagner, who has worked with libraries in 36 states on a variety of administrative issues. She is a frequent speaker at national and state library conferences and visits dozens of libraries each year. She is also the author of two books on libraries.

Two evening workshops will be offered on February 12: "Writing a Successful Grant Application" and "Small Libraries Networking Session."

Registration forms will be mailed to libraries in December. For more information, contact Patrice Vale or Karen Jones at the State Library, 800-325-0131.

Secretary of State's Office issues proposed filtering rule

The Secretary of State's Office has published Administrative Rule 15 CSR 30-200.030, Public Access Computers in Public Libraries, in the *Missouri Register*. This rule is a companion piece to sections

182.825 and 182.827, Revised Statutes of Missouri 2002, or House Bill 1402.

Publication in the *Missouri Register* means the proposed rule is open for public comment. A public hearing will be held January 10, 2003, at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center at 10 am. Written comments will also be accepted within 30 days. Send comments to: Donnell Ruthenberg Sutherland at the State Library, PO Box 387, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387.

The State Library had previously issued Emergency Administrative Rule 15 CSR 30-200.030 concerning Internet filtering in public libraries and filed it with the Secretary of State's Office.

The statute sets forth regulations for public libraries offering public access computers connected to the Internet. As stated in the statutes, libraries may choose one of two options to meet the requirements of the law.

The first option is to "equip all public access computers with software that will limit minors' ability to gain access to material that is pornographic for minors..." The second option is to "develop and implement by January 1, 2002, a policy that is consistent with community standards and establishes measures to restrict minors from gaining computer access to material that is pornographic for minors..."

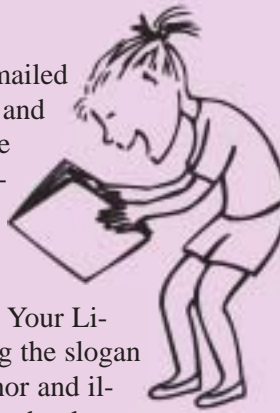
In order to comply with this statute, public libraries will certify to the State Library which option they have chosen to implement. If the library chooses to install filtering software, certification of compliance to the State Library will include naming the software to be used. If the public library chooses to write a policy, the library is expected to discuss the policy in a public forum (a board meeting, for example) and provide a copy of the policy to the State Library for certification of compliance. The State Library proposes an annual certification process.

The emergency rule and a compliance form are posted on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.mo.gov.

Laugh It Up @ Your Library!

Start-up kits for the 2003 summer reading program have been mailed to all Missouri public libraries. This is the earliest the planning and promotional materials have been distributed in many years. The reason? The State Library joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a consortia of states that works together to produce an annual summer reading program for children, complete with planning and promotional materials.

The 2003 summer reading program theme is "Laugh It Up @ Your Library." With humor as the theme, what better illustrator to bring the slogan to life than Nadine Bernard Westcott, noted children's book author and illustrator. Westcott has illustrated many popular children's picture books, including *The Lady with the Alligator Purse*, *Miss Mary Mack*, and *Skip to My Lou*.



CSLP works with Upstart to produce posters, bookmarks, reading logs, reading certificates, and numerous summer reading incentives. As part of this year's summer program start-up kit, libraries received a planning manual, clip art on CD-ROM, and a color catalog featuring the Upstart summer reading merchandise. In addition, libraries received a summer reading program payment, which will allow them to purchase the posters and bookmarks from Upstart without added cost to the library. The amount of funding provided to each library system was based on the average amount of posters and bookmarks the system had ordered in the past.

Missouri's 2002 summer library program showed an increase of 30,000 participants over the 2001 program. Participation for 2002 was 114,837 young people.

Census of Governments underway

The Survey of Government Finances is part of the 2002 Census of Governments, a special census conducted every five years by the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey gathers statistics about the revenue, expenditure, debt, and assets of state and local governments.

A "special districts" category includes public library districts with budgetary independence, and is part of the local government section of the survey. Statistics are compiled from this census for the nation, its states, and by type of government. Separate reports will be available for county, municipal, and township governments, special district governments, and public school and public-employee retirement systems.

Public libraries in Missouri should receive this survey, which is currently being distrib-

uted, if they: 1) operate under a board of trustees elected by the public or appointed by a governing body, 2) have legal authority to levy taxes, with voter approval, and 3) accept state and federal contributions.

It is important to participate in the Survey of Government Finances because published data from this survey provides quantitative proof when additional funding from state and federal sources is needed to support special districts. Congressional committees, state legislators, and colleges and universities often use data from this survey to research local government needs.

Although the survey is voluntary, it would help the Census Bureau to receive the blank survey back with the library's financial report attached.

Questions about the survey can be directed to Howard Trott at Census Bureau headquarters at 301-763-7280 or *Howard.O.Trott.Jr@census.gov*.



Web Watch

Anecdotalage

www.anecdotalage.com

Need a quick quip for a speech, a creative start-up, or just a good laugh? Then try this site, which is home to several thousand anecdotes from acrobats to zoos. Its scope is confined to biographical incidents, and "origin stories, mythological stories, practical jokes, and wisecracks of the Oscar Wilde-Groucho Marx variety."

Discovering Lewis & Clark

www.lewis-clark.org

Presents more than 1,400 pages, the centerpiece of which is a 19-part synopsis of the expedition by historian Harry Fritz, illustrated with selections from the journals of the expedition, photographs, maps, graphics, and sound files.

The Trail Database—World's Largest Hiking Trail Database

www.hejoly.demon.nl

Lots of resources for the avid hiker, with links to information in most countries where hikers are found. Country links include general pages with hiking resources and links to organizations.

Change for CMSU library science department

The Department of Library Science at Central Missouri State University has become part of the Department of Educational Leadership and Human Development in the College of Education and Human Services. The department is home to the Cooperative Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, a degree program between CMSU, the University of Missouri-Columbia, and several other regional universities in the state.

The change will not affect undergraduate and graduate degree programs in library science. Rather it will enable library science students and faculty to collaborate on programs and projects with staff and students in related disciplines.

Over 30,000 attend National Book Festival

Missouri exhibits at Pavilion of the States

Three staff members from the State Library represented Missouri at the National Book Festival, October 12, 2002, in Washington, DC. The festival was sponsored by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush and held on the Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol.

Exhibits from the states and territories were housed in the festival's Pavilion of the States. Missouri's exhibit focused on the importance of reading for all age groups, library literacy activities, and the state's literary heritage. It included a series of five book-marks listing Missouri authors in several genres; flyers offering tips for reading promotion among children and young adults; book-marks on preserving family records, photos, and important papers; a display of Missouri's literary journals; and a chapbook from the statewide poetry contest, "Why I Read." Also highlighted were the Missouri Heritage Readers, an 11-book series for adult new readers, and a selection of print/braille books by Missouri authors.



Sara Parker (left) and Kay Callison at the Missouri exhibit at the National Book Festival.

The festival attracted an estimated audience of 30,000. Hundreds of adults and children visited the Missouri exhibit, and many commented on the richness of content available at the exhibit. Representing Missouri were State Librarian Sara Parker, LSTA grants consultant Kay Callison, and Missouri Center for the Book coordinator Madeline Matson.

Professional groups highlight State Library programs

Serving Seniors: A Resource for Missouri Libraries was mentioned in "Librarian's Library," a column in the October 2002 *American Libraries*, the magazine of the American Library Association. The column's author, Cathleen Bourdon, noted that graying baby boomers will be demanding services to meet their needs and Missouri librarians [a task force] have been working since 1997 to prepare for the graying of their user populations. The Missouri seniors manual identifies ways to plan new services and improve

current services to people 60 years and older. It is available in PDF format on the Web at www.sos.mo.gov/librarydevelopment/services/seniors/manual/default.asp.

The State Library's Teen Summer Reading Program and the After School Connections grants were cited and described in a new report produced by Citizens for Missouri's Children (CMC), a non-profit children's advocacy group. For each program, the publication included the budget, number of youth served, revenue source, distribution of funding, and mission. *The Youth Development Policy Handbook: Crafting Sound Public Policy for Missouri's Youth* is the first-ever attempt to consolidate

information on public policy that affects Missouri's youth.

The report finds that the state's three dozen programs and services focusing on youth development suffer from poor funding and a lack of coordination. It also calls for more strategic planning and emphasizing results when deciding whether to continue funding programs.

A summary and findings of the report can be found in PDF format on the Web at www.mokids.org. The complete report is available for \$5 plus shipping/handling from CMC, 606 E. Capitol, Jefferson City, MO 65101; (573) 634-4324.

IMLS announces biggest online children's library

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, in partnership with non-profit, industry, academic, and other government organizations, has announced a five-year, \$4.4 million plan to build a digital library freely available for children worldwide. The library will consist of 10,000 children's books drawn from 100 cultures, providing children with online access to some of the greatest children's books in the world.

The International Children's Digital Library, developed by the Internet Archive and the University of Maryland, is part of a larger research project to develop new technology to serve young readers. No other library of this size that is appropriate and accessible for 3- to 13-year-olds, exists.

Research shows that children's use of books increases their cognitive, social, and motivational development. Unfortunately, getting access to books can be a challenge, particularly in economically disadvantaged and geographically isolated areas. However, with computer technologies becoming widely available in schools and public libraries, tens of thousands of books can be made available through large online archives.

Experience the International Children's Digital Library website at www.icdlbooks.org.

Virtually Missouri update

Check out what's new at <http://www.virtuallymissouri.org/>

The Christian County Library has entered details about its collection of Christian County Transcribed Records into the **Digitized Collections** database.

Eleven new digitized collections and online exhibits, representing seven institutions, can be found under Digitized Collections. This wide-ranging selection includes: "An Illustrated History of the Missouri Botanical Garden (1800-1929) from the Missouri Botanical Garden Library and Archives; "Progressive St. Charles 1916" from St. Charles City-County Library District; "Laws of the City of St. Louis" and "St. Louis Mayors" from St. Louis Public Library; "Historical Postcards of Springfield, Missouri" and "Springfield, Missouri and Surroundings 1889" from Springfield-Greene County Library District; "The Big Fire" and "Lincoln and the Dome" from Truman State University, Pickler Memorial Library Special Collections; and "Savitars" and "Electronic Books" from the University Archives and Libraries, University of Missouri-Columbia. **Digitized Collections** also now links to the Washington University Gallery of Art website.

An online exhibit included on Virtually Missouri, "Deafness in Disguise" co-sponsored by the Central Institute for the Deaf and Washington University's Bernard Becker Medical Library, was featured in the August 2, 2002 issue of *Science* magazine in that publication's "NetWatch."

Don't let lack of server space keep you from considering digitization. The MO-BIUS Consortium Office is offering some free server space. Contact Kurt Kopp (573-882-7233 or KoppK@umsystem.edu) for consideration.



"Missouri by the Numbers"

A revised edition of "Missouri by the Numbers" is available from the Missouri Census Data Center. The brochure includes current statistics on population, age, housing, income, education, geography and weather, major industries and agricultural commodities, fastest-growing counties, and most-populated cities. Copies may be requested from Debbie Pitts, MCDC coordinator, Missouri State Library, PO Box 387, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387; 800-325-0131, or pittsd@sosmail.state.mo.us.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



St. Louis County Library forms book cart drill team

Book carts on parade? St. Louis County Library has joined the ranks, albeit small, of book cart drill teams across the country. The library has formed a team that will use book carts, or book trucks, to perform precision movements in parades. Fifteen library staff members have participated in two practice sessions; they plan to work up a routine and be ready for spring/summer parades in 2003.

Julie Cruise, administrative analyst at the library, said the group is using a book titled *The Library Book Cart Precision Drill Team Manual* by Linda McCracken and Lynn Zeicher. The book includes how-tos on basic moves, routines, and other drill team topics.

So far, the team has only practiced in the library auditorium. No book trucks have appeared on the street just yet.

Worth County Library receives construction loan

The Worth County Partnership Library has received \$100,000 to be used for construction of a new library. The funds were made available through a USDA Rural Economic Development Loan, which will be repaid at 0% interest over the next 10 years. The loan was made possible through the United Electric Cooperative.

The library, currently under construction, will house the combined public library and the school libraries in Grant City.

Stars and Stripes Library/Museum plans two major exhibits

The expanded Stars and Stripes Museum/Library in Bloomfield will host two special traveling exhibits in 2003. During March, the Museum/Library will feature the Lewis and Clark exhibit sponsored by the Missouri State Archives. Bloomfield Public Library

director Linda McCarty made arrangements with the State Library to have the exhibit scheduled for viewing in Stoddard County.

The Museum/Library is one of six sites selected by the Missouri Humanities Council to host the Smithsonian Museum's poster exhibit, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945." The exhibit is part of the Museum on Main Street Project, a national/state partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural institutions. It will be on display in Bloomfield in late August and early September.

St. Louis Public Library department celebrates 100 years

The St. Louis Public Library's History & Genealogy Department celebrated its 100th anniversary with an open house, tours, and special programs on October 19, 2002. Program speakers included representatives from the St. Louis Genealogical Society and the National Archives. The celebration continued on November 2, with speakers from the New England Genealogical Society. The speakers discussed getting the most from federal censuses, using the newly released 1930 census, and tracing ancestors "across the water."

Henry County Library's senior fair

The Henry County Library sponsored its first-ever "Senior Fair" at the end of September. All groups in the community which work with or provide services to senior citizens were invited to participate. The fair featured 52 booths, including a Kansas City law firm with information on elder fraud, Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a booth with information on organizing closets, the Attorney General's office with its No Call Program, state agencies, financial institutions, and other firms. Political campaign materials were not allowed inside the building; however, booth space was made available outdoors for politicking.



Marsha Evans, Henry County Library's senior specialist, (L) and a senior fair participant.

Every senior citizen was given a goody bag at the door, and each booth handed out souvenirs, coupons, and other information. Participants were encouraged to register for door prizes donated by many area businesses. An old-fashioned lemonade stand, located in the Friends of the Library room, was staffed with volunteers providing seniors with lemonade and cookies. The Information Station displayed brochures from businesses unable to attend.

Library director Liz Cashell brought the concept of the Senior Fair to a staff meeting for discussion. Staff response was positive, and the idea just took off. Marsha Evans, the library's senior specialist, and Debbie Jones, administrative assistant, were instrumental in the planning and facilitating of the event. Patricia Crowder, interlibrary loan clerk, created and constructed the artwork for the fair. Other staff members contributed in their areas of expertise such as demonstrating e-greetings, Internet lessons, fun things to do with grandchildren, and the variety of library services for senior citizens.

More than 360 senior citizens attended the fair. The library has received many positive responses from seniors and booth participants, all of whom are looking forward to next year's event.

Missouri school libraries receive grants

Two Missouri school libraries have received grants from the U.S. Department of Education's Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program: Dallas County R-1 School District and Hayti R-II School District.

The new grant program is designed to improve the literacy skills and academic achievements of students by providing them with access to up-to-date school library materials, technologically advanced school library media centers, and professionally certified school library media specialists.

Dallas County School District will focus on its elementary school. The funds will be used to acquire new books and other library media resources, to integrate the use of technology into the curriculum through professional development for teachers, to allow student and parent access to the Internet, and to extend library hours for the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Hayti School District aims to increase student achievement at the elementary level by providing students with greater access to technology-based resources and offering teachers and media specialists opportunities to attend professional development activities focused on improving reading achieve-

New discussion list on library senior services

Adult services library staff will want to join a new electronic discussion list devoted to library services to older adults. SeniorServ is an open list for the purpose of sharing information about library services to senior adults, sponsored by the Reference and User Services Association's Committee on Library Services to an Aging Population.

To become a member of the list, send a message to listproc@ala.org. Leave the subject line blank, or, if your system requires a subject line, enter "subscribe" (without quotation marks) as the subject. As the only line of text in the body of the message, enter the following:
subscribe SeniorServ
[YourFirstName]
{YourLastName}.

Messages for distribution to all SeniorServ subscribers should be addressed to: SeniorServ@ala.org.

More Library News



“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

Walter Cronkite

ment. The project will place networked computers in the media center and encourage teachers to create curriculum in conjunction with the media specialist.

“Neon Central” opens at Poplar Bluff Public Library

Poplar Bluff Public Library, in partnership with the local Margaret Harwell Art Museum and the Poplar Bluff Friends of the Library, has established a new young adult department named “Neon Central.” The library promoted the Gates computers as a catalyst to launch the department.

The Friends of the Library donated neon lights, signs, and furniture in keeping with the bright atmosphere. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated state-of-the-art computers, printers, and software. Young adults now have a variety of programs to assist them with homework assignments, and they also have filtered access to the Internet.

To complete the renovation, local students

of the art museum, who participated in a summer art program, painted four murals under the direction of Meredith Duncan. The murals depict the children’s view of Poplar Bluff and hang over the Gates computers.

Kansas City libraries win design awards

The Miller Nichols Library Information Commons at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has received an International Illumination Design Award from the Heart of America section of the Illumination Engineering Society of North America. The Information Commons also has been recognized for educational interior design excellence in *American School & University* magazine. In a competition held since 1983, the Information Commons was honored for Outstanding Design in the category of Libraries/Media Centers.

Opened in the fall of 2000, the Information Commons is a collaborative, interdisciplinary, learner centered, lap-top ready lounge and study space to meet the needs of UMKC students and faculty. The 9,600-square-foot Commons includes more than 30 scholar’s workstations and space for students, faculty, and librarians to work with each other and the University Libraries’ resources. The spatial design and the computer furniture system groups computers and reference services efficiently, effectively, and attractively. The area includes flexible seating and working spaces with 44 additional networked jacks for laptop computers.

The Jannes Library and Learning Center at the Kansas City Art Institute was honored with a 2002 Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects. The library is housed in a historic colonial-style mansion with a contemporary addition, designed by BNIM Architects. It is one of several recently completed campus infrastructure improvements. In addition to housing all library functions, the building includes an expanded Academic Resources Center, Career Center, and a new campus computer lab.



Young adults find Poplar Bluff’s “Neon Central” a convenient and welcome place to congregate. (Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic photo)

Springfield library invites kids to Holiday Store

Every weekend in December, the Friends of the Library-sponsored gift shop at Springfield-Greene County Library will open the Holiday Store, a special place for kids to buy reasonably priced quality gifts for their parents, friends, relatives, and teachers.

Vera Florea, the library's youth services coordinator, says the store is "a great teach-

ing tool for kids." "Providing children a place to shop teaches them to think of others during the holiday season. It also helps kids with their money management skills."

Volunteers will help children with their purchases, and later in December will sponsor a gift-wrapping program to be held at the main library. All profits from the Holiday Store will be used to help pay for next summer's children's reading club.



Personal Notes

Laura S. Bullion has retired as associate director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia, University of Missouri. She started at the WHMC-Columbia in June 1978 as a senior manuscript specialist in charge of the microfilm program. She served as assistant director from 1991-2000 and as associate director from 2000 until her retirement. From 1989 to 2000, she was state coordinator of National History Day in Missouri, an educational outreach program of the State Historical Society of Missouri and the WHMC-Columbia. Approximately 25,000 students participated in National History Day in Missouri during her tenure.

She previously spent six years as director of library services, University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio. She also worked for five years at the Texas Collection, Baylor University. She earned a B.A. from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and an M.L.S. from Our Lady of the Lake University (TX).

David F. Moore is the new associate director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia. He served as assistant director for two years prior to his promotion. He joined the WHMC staff in March 1995 and became senior manuscript specialist in charge of reference and outreach in 1999. His duties have included helping patrons, initiating and maintaining donor relations, processing collections, developing

the repository's website, and assisting with administrative management and financial affairs.

Moore previously worked in Special Collections and University Archives at Oklahoma State University. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from OSU.

Patt Olsen has been named director of the Centralia Public Library. She replaces **Margaret Doty**, who will now work with the library on adult programming. Olsen has worked at the library for four years in the children's department. She earned a B.A. in performing arts from Central Missouri State University. Her professional experience includes management positions in several businesses.

Jean Ann McCartney has resigned as executive director of the Missouri Library Association, effective December 31, 2002. She has held that post since June 1, 1986.

During her tenure, McCartney served as Missouri's representative to the American Library Association's Call-for-America's Libraries meeting with Rep. Dick Gephardt in Washington, DC, 1992; as a lay delegate to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1991; and as a board member and secretary-treasurer of the International Council of Library Association Executives. She also has been active in several American Library Association groups.

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Children's Choices booklists

Each year, thousands of children, young adults, teachers, and librarians around the U.S. select their favorite recently published books to be included in the "Choices" annotated booklists. Published each fall by the International Reading Association, Children's Choices, Teachers' Choices, and Young Adults' Choices booklists are used in classrooms, libraries, and homes to help young people find books they will enjoy reading.

Children's Choices includes approximately 100 titles, which are recommended by children. The Teachers' Choices list of 30 titles are those highly rated by teams of teachers, librarians, and reading specialists as outstanding for curriculum use. Young Adults' Choices lists 30 titles selected by teams of teenage reviewers.

The new Choices booklists are available in PDF format at www.reading.org/choices.

Nominations open for national library award

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced the opening of the 2003 competition for the National Award for Library Service, which honors outstanding American libraries that have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. The principal criterion for selection is the library's systematic and ongoing commitment to public service through exemplary and innovative programs and community partnerships.

Any individual may submit a nomination, and nominations of libraries of all sizes are encouraged. Nominations will be reviewed by the commissioners of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. To be considered, libraries must submit required information by February 15, 2003.

For guidelines, visit the IMLS website at www.imls.gov/.

Awards and Honors

Wicky Sleight, director of the Kirkwood Public Library, received a 2002 Governor's Humanities Award for "Excellence in Public Involvement." The award was conferred by the Missouri Humanities Council in a special ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on October 16.

Each year, the humanities council presents awards to individuals who have made important contributions to their schools or their community's cultural life. The awards reflect achievements in history, cultural heritage, and literature.

The Public Involvement Award goes to a person who has been exemplary in developing public interest in the activities of a museum, a historic site or house, or historical society, or who has generated exceptional public interest in history or literature in some other way. Sleight initiated READ-More, a statewide reading project, and she has organized numerous library humanities programs in Kirkwood and in Marshall, where she served previously as library director.

Helma Hawkins, youth services director at Kansas City Public Library, has been selected to serve on the 2003 Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, administered by the Young Adult Library Services Association and sponsored by *School Library Journal*. The annual award, established in 1988,

honors an author's lifetime achievement for writing books that have been popular over a period of time.

Hawkins has served on the American Library Association's Caldecott, Newbery and Batchelder committees.

Deborah Ward, director of the University of Missouri School of Medicine library, was recently inducted as chair of the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association for 2003. The chapter includes health sciences librarians from Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.

Sarah Howard, children's and teens' services librarian at Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia, has been named to the John Newbery Committee for 2003. The committee awards the Newbery Medal annually to the author of the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year. The award was first given in 1922.

The committee is made up of 15 librarians from across the country. Members consider works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for young people through the age of 14. They review each nominated book for the presentation of information, development of plot, delineation of characters, delineation of setting, appropriateness of style, and excellence of presentation for a young audience.

Online outcome-based evaluation toolkit available

What differences does your library make in your community? Can you document and communicate them? If not, then you're with the majority: 73% of librarians in a recent survey said they are unsatisfied and frustrated with current evaluation tools.

Researchers at the School of Information at the University of Michigan and The Information School at the University of Washington have launched an online out-

come-based evaluation toolkit to help librarians understand and convey how their services affect the people in their communities.

"How Libraries and Librarians Help: A Toolkit" focuses on developing indicators of impact that reflect the range of social contexts in which individuals access and use public library services and how these services build community. The toolkit emphasizes users and the rich patterns of use that they make of public library services.

To access the toolkit, go to www.si.umich.edu/libhelp/toolkit.

Library directors meet at State Library



State Librarian Sara Parker invited directors from medi-

um-sized libraries to a meeting in Jefferson City on October 23 to discuss the major issues and needs they face in serving their publics. Parker defined "medium size" as serving populations from 30,000 to 200,000. Twenty-two librarians attended the meeting, held at the State Library.

The group consensus on important issues included: funding (or lack of), building maintenance, staff recruitment and retention, salaries, collection development, keeping up with technology, trustee involvement, continuing education, marketing and public perception of the library, volunteers, and new services.

Of particular interest to Parker was how the state can help in addressing these issues. Meeting participants made numerous suggestions: more and localized continuing education for both library staff and trustees, including online training; better explanation to the legislature about MOREnet and its benefits; delivery systems for materials; subsidies for Show-Me the World; quicker turn-around times for LSTA grants; timely compilation of data useful on the local level; advice on building projects; and help in meeting standards.

The October meeting was the first time these librarians met to discuss their concerns as a group. Parker plans future meetings with the group in 2003.

Major copyright bill becomes law

The "Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization Act" (the TEACH Act), part of the larger Justice Reauthorization legislation (H.R. 2215), has been signed into law

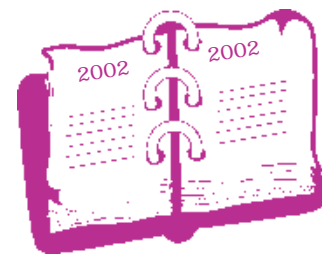
by President Bush. TEACH redefines the terms and conditions on which accredited, nonprofit educational institutions throughout the U.S. may use copyright-protected materials in distance education—including on websites and by other digital means—without permission from the copyright owner and without payment of royalties.

Previous law included a statutory exception for the benefit of distance education, but it was enacted in 1976 and has failed to meet modern needs. That statute (Section 110(2) of the Copyright Act) generally encompassed closed-circuit television transmissions, and it could not foster innovative digital educational programs that might reach students at home, at work, or at any other location. The TEACH Act repeals that statute and replaces it with a more complex, but more beneficial, revision of Section 110(2) and related provisions.

Among the benefits of the TEACH Act for distance education are an expansion of the scope of materials that may be used; the ability to deliver content to students outside the classroom; the opportunity to retain archival copies of course materials on servers; and the authority to convert some works from analog to digital formats. However, the TEACH Act conditions those benefits on compliance with numerous restrictions and limitations.

For information about the new law, go to www.ala.org/washoff/teach.html.

Upcoming Events



December 3
Secretary's Council on
Library Development
Meeting
Jefferson City

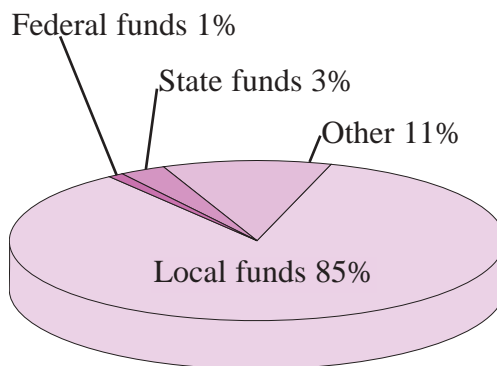
December 5-6
Missouri Public Library
Directors Meeting
Lake Ozark

January 23-25
Special Libraries Association
Winter Meeting
New Orleans

January 24-29
American Library
Association
Midwinter Meeting
Philadelphia

February 4
Missouri Library Legislative
Day
Jefferson City

Income sources for Missouri public libraries



What are the fastest growing careers?

Not surprisingly, computer engineers and software specialists top the list of fastest-growing careers, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Other occupations making the list include speech-language pathologists, health aides, and medical assistants. The list makes clear that the majority of careers in the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education. To view the complete list, visit www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/news/natlking.html.

College students call the Internet “essential”



The generation that grew up with the personal computer is heavily wired on campus and relies on the Internet in every dimension of college life. Fully 86% of college students use the Internet, compared to 59% of the overall U.S. population, and students say the Internet is essential to their academic and social lives.

Among the key findings in a report from the Pew Internet & American life Project titled, “The Internet Goes to College”:

- 79% of college Internet users say the Internet has had a positive impact on their college academic experience.
- 73% use the Internet more than the library for research.
- 72% check their e-mail every day.
- 60% think the Internet has improved their relationships with classmates.
- 56% believe that e-mail has enhanced their relationship with professors.
- 46% say e-mail enables them to express ideas to a professor that they would not have expressed in class.

College students are much more likely than other online Americans to use instant messaging, download music files, share music files from their hard drive, and browse the online world just for fun. They also use the Web and e-mail to get assignments from professors, form virtual study groups, plan term projects, discuss their grades with their teachers, and find if materials they need are available at the college library.

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